

IN THE CLAIMS:

The claims are pending as follows:

1. (Withdrawn) A stretched laminate film with oxygen-gas barrier properties, which is a laminate including a layer (a) formed from a composition of a polycarboxylate-based polymer (A) and a plasticizer (B), a layer (c) containing a divalent metal compound (C) and a layer (b) formed from a thermoplastic resin, wherein the laminate comprises at least one layer forming unit where the layer (a) and the layer (c) are adjacent to each other, wherein, in all of the layer (a) and the layer (c), a chemical equivalent ratio (Ct/At) of a total amount (Ct) of the divalent metal compound to a total amount (At) of the carboxyl groups is not smaller than 0.2, and wherein the laminate including the layer (a), the layer (b) and the layer (c) is stretched with a surface stretch ratio of 1.1 to 100.
2. (Withdrawn) The stretched laminate film according to claim 1, wherein a compositional mass ratio of the polycarboxylate-based polymer (A) to the plasticizer (B) is 99.9/0.1 to 70/30.
3. (Withdrawn) The stretched laminate film according to claim 1, wherein the plasticizer (B) is polyalcohol.
4. (Original) A method of producing a stretched laminate film with oxygen-gas barrier properties, which includes a layer (a) formed from a composition of a polycarboxylate-based polymer (A) and a plasticizer (B), a layer (c) containing a multivalent metal compound (C) and a layer (b) formed from a thermoplastic resin, and which includes at least one layer forming unit where the layer (a) and the layer (c) are adjacent to each other, the method comprising the steps of:
superposing at least one of the layer (a) and the layer (c) on at least one surface of the layer (b); and
stretching a laminate film including the layer (a), the layer (b) and the layer (c) with a surface stretch ratio of 1.1 to 100.
5. (Original) The method of producing a stretched laminate film according to claim 4, wherein the superposition is performed by means of a coating process.

6. (Cancelled)
7. (Previously Presented) The method of producing a stretched laminate film according to claim 4, wherein a compositional mass ratio of the polycarboxylate-based polymer (A) to the plasticizer (B) is 99.9/0.1 to 70/30.
8. (Previously Presented) The method of producing a stretched laminate film according to claim 4, wherein the plasticizer (B) is polyalcohol.
9. (Previously Presented) The method of producing a stretched laminate film according to claim 4, wherein the laminate film is stretched after applying the layer (c) to a surface obtained by applying the layer (a) to the layer (b), or after applying the layer (a) to a surface obtained by applying the layer (c) to the layer (b).
10. (Previously Presented) The method of producing a stretched laminate film according to claim 4,
 wherein at least one of the layer (a) and the layer (c) is applied to at least one surface of the layer (b) formed from an unstretched thermoplastic resin which has been melted and extruded, and the laminate film obtained by the application is stretched in one direction, and
 wherein, in a case where the layer (a) is applied thereto, the layer (c) which is adjacent to the layer (a), and which, along with the layer (a), constitutes the layer forming unit, is subsequently applied to the applied layer (a), and then is stretched in a direction perpendicular to the direction in which the layer (a) has been stretched, or
 wherein, in a case where the layer (c) is applied thereto, the layer (a) which is adjacent to the layer (c), and which, along with the layer (c), constitutes the layer forming unit, is subsequently applied to the applied layer (c), and then is stretched in a direction perpendicular to the aforementioned direction in which the layer (c) has been stretched.
11. (Cancelled)

12. (Previously Presented) The method of producing a stretched laminate film according to claim 4,
wherein the layer (a) and the layer (c) are applied to at least one surface of the layer (b) formed from an unstretched thermoplastic resin which has been melted and extruded, and thereafter the laminate film obtained by the application is stretched in a direction in which the film runs and in a direction perpendicular to the direction in which the film runs at the same time.
13. (Cancelled)
14. (Previously Presented) The method of producing a stretched laminate film according to claim 4, wherein the application to the layer (b), which has been melted and extruded, and the stretch of the laminate film obtained by the application are performed in an integrated manner.